Rank – Order

1850’s

Read and take notes on the following events of the 1850s…

1. Compromise of 1850 –
2. Fugitive Slave Act –
3. *Uncle Tom’s Cabin –*
4. Popular Sovereignty –
5. Kansas Nebraska Act –
6. “Bleeding Kansas” –
7. *Dred Scott* Decision –
8. The Lincoln-Douglas Debates
9. John Brown’s Raid –
10. Election of 1860 –

During the 1800s slavery was the primary divisive issue facing and threatening, the United States. In the 1850s you learned how the issue of slavery divided the nation, how compromises failed to resolve the issue and how the issue led to secession of the southern states. Think about the events above. At what point was it too late to save the Union…??? Choose three events and explain why each is responsible in its own way and which one event is most responsible.

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**Step 1** – You will conduct your own individual research on the event assigned. The chapter title is *The Nation Splits Apart*. You must summarize your event explaining why this event helps to split the nation. Next you will need a visual and primary source to help explain its significance.

**Step 2 –** With your partner(s) you will create visual presentation to the class. You will each explain why your findings show that this was a decisive issue that split the nation.

**Step 3 -** Each class member is responsible for taking notes during presentations.